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SUBJECT: LOS: STRAITS AND JAPAN

REFS: A. TOKYO 3318, B. GENEVA 1553, C. GENEVA 1512

1. CONCUR IN EMB APPROACH PER REF A ASAP AT HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. IGUCHI, WHO JUST ARRIVED FROM TOKYO, TOLD OXMAN THAT DRAFT LEGISLATION APPROVED BY FOUR MINISTERS, NOW BEFORE CABINET LEGAL OFFICE, WILL SHORTLY GO BEFORE LDP, DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO DIET IS MARCH 22.

2. IN ADDITION TO TREATMENT OF STRAITS IN LEGISLATION, REQUEST MEB SEEK FIRM COMMITMENT THAT GOJ WILL NOT RPT NOT PROPOSE OR SUPPORT AMENDMENTS AS IN REFS B AND C TO STRAITS ARTICLES AT LOS CONFERENCE. EVEN PRO FORMA PROPOSAL WOULD BE VERY DAMAGING. IN ABSENCE SUCH COMMITMENT, BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON RECOMMENDATIONS IN REF B, ADJUSTED AS NECESSARY ON LEGISLATION POINT. SINCE IGUCHI TELLS US 5 OPPOSITION PARTIES MAY ADOPT RESOLUTION ON AMENDING STRAITS, AND SOME LDP MEMBERS MAY BE SYMPATHETIC, THERE IS STRONG

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ARGUMENT FOR GOING AHEAD EVEN IN EVENT GOJ RESPONSE TO EMB IS POSITIVE. CATTO

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